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In the Eastern Region early week prices were unchanged to lower, elsewhere prices were unchanged. During the week prices were unchanged to sharply higher in Chicago and the Eastern Region. The trade sentiment was steady and improved to firm with the announcement of an export order. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, light to fairly good, best where feature activity and adverse winter weather were factors. At the beginning of the period, supplies were adequate. During the period, supplies of all sizes became no more than adequate to mostly tight. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher during the period. Asking prices for breaking stock increased sharply during the period for the irregular demand. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Light type fowl supplies were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	95-101	85-93	59-66
New York	70-72	67-70	61-64
Philadelphia	55-70	53-68	47-61
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	42-43
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-68	52-66	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	45-50
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	37-42
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-65	57-60	49-53
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.88	55.50	49.25
SOUTHERN	53.73	51.82	47.18
MIDWEST	47.59	42.88	40.78
WESTERN	75.27	70.31	66.61
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.43	57.51	53.41

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-01-00	01-25-00	02-02-99
Large	26-28	26-28	49-51
Medium	22-24	22-24	39-41

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 31, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
		CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	9.3	5.3	9.9	7.9	38.6
	Change	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	27.1	5.9	18.8	16.4	88.4
	Change	-4.9	-3.6	-3.9	-3.4	-3.1	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	35.9	55.9	36.3	52.4	76.9	257.4
	Change	-7.0	-26.9	-12.7	-4.6	-3.6	-18%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.7	32.0	15.4	14.0	17.8	88.9
	Change	-2.5	-4.4	1.3	-2.3	-0.8	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	6.1	1.7	5.2	5.2	22.8
	Change	-1.5	1.1	0.1	1.7	-0.5	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	13.1	6.8	10.5	5.5	41.0
	Change	0.1	-4.5	0.4	-2.3	-0.4	-14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.4	83.1	8.0	27.3	47.7	195.5
	Change	-7.0	14.9	-2.4	-4.1	3.6	3%
Total	Curr Wk	111.1	226.6	79.4	138.1	177.4	732.6
Percent	Change	-17%	-9%	-18%	-10%	-3%	-10%

TOTAL Number of Percent Number of
Cases Change Cooperators

Shell Egg	732.6	-10%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	433.5	-3%	40

Total Shell Egg 1166.1 -8% 208
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-JAN-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.	
BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
C W	1,128,811	25,377	11,066	6,038	3,177	3,667
P W	1,149,555	25,566	11,777	6,403	3,523	3,821
L Y	1,010,696	22,430	10,682	5,833	2,254	3,161
% PW	-2	-1	-6	-6	-10	-4
% LY	12	13	4	4	41	16
2000	4,593,578	103,574	45,877	25,497	12,554	15,329
1999	4,114,383	93,118	39,764	22,655	10,590	13,156
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	40.88	41.38	41.66			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 29-JAN-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.1	-4	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	481.8	0	21
W.N. CENTRAL	244.6	1	17
S. ATLANTIC	194.4	1	2
S. CENTRAL	71.5	-1	-9
WEST	199.2	4	-10
TOTAL	1,423.6	0	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		93	93

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	JAN 22	JAN 29	JAN 22	JAN 29
AL	*28,569	28,355	*21,461	20,926
AR	30,610	29,945	25,128	23,841
DE	4,446	4,339	4,823	4,412
FL	2,729	2,734	2,185	2,668
GA	*31,490	31,051	*24,859	25,085
MD	8,411	8,495	6,355	6,119
MS	17,855	17,668	14,178	14,978
NC	17,334	16,743	*13,333	13,702
PA	*4,128	3,786	*2,802	2,753
SC	*4,938	4,745	*3,905	3,631
TX	14,097	14,160	*11,037	11,230
VA	6,313	6,314	5,202	5,684
CA, TN, & WV	10,770	11,280	9,912	10,071
15 State Total	*181,690	179,615	*145,180	145,100
Previous Year	175,708	176,765	142,888	141,088
Pct. of Prev.	103	102	102	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.32 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/27/00-02/02/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.00	46.50	33.67	36.00	39.67	46.20	94.00
GNR W 2	—	33.75	31.50	32.75	29.00	—	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.10	32.50	13.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00
GL W XL	48.00	45.38	39.00	43.31	43.26	38.00	20.50
GL W LG	48.00	43.17	38.50	40.50	40.77	36.00	33.75
GL W MD	—	32.50	28.40	32.14	28.00	31.50	25.25
GL W SM	20.25	21.75	20.60	22.10	—	—	8.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	33.50	26.75	33.00	15.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-JAN-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.6		29.8		3	0
BOSTON	3.6		3.4		6	-58
CHICAGO	57.0		41.3		38	52
DETROIT	24.0		30.5		-21	-19
KANSAS CITY	0.1		0.1		0	0
LOS ANGELES	93.8		94.7		-1	18
NEW ORLEANS	10.9		10.4		5	-22
NEW YORK	39.9		38.0		5	-1
ST. LOUIS	16.6		14.2		17	32
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0		20.7		6	4
TOTAL	298.5		283.1		5	9
4 WK MVG AVG	293.3					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 22-JAN-00

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,051	3	60	4,114
AVG WT	29.01	36.00	27.73	29.00
LAST WEEK	5,119	0	71	5,190
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,602	11	23	4,636
AVG WT	27.58	24.64	26.57	27.57
TO-DATE/2000	12,715	5	151	12,871
TO-DATE/1999	13,407	37	56	13,500

(A) Includes 61 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0 .000 in 1999.

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	371	-65	30.23	(A)	(A)	373	30.36
S ATL	641	-15	30.12	NONE	NONE	641	30.12
N CENT	2,503	4	29.87	(A)	(A)	2,561	29.80
S CENT	330	-51	22.12	NONE	NONE	330	22.12
WEST	209	19	24.09	NONE	NONE	209	24.17
U.S.TOTAL	4,054	(B)-16	29.02	0	60	4,114	29.00
TO DATE							
2000	12,719	(B)		61	151	12,871	
TO DATE							
1999	13,407	(B)		0	56	13,500	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.							
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 3,000 for the year 5,000; last year to date 37,000.							

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,385(A)	2,083	1,222	3,305	517
AVG WT	4.89	3.34	7.72	4.96	6.63
LAST WEEK	147,873	2,030	1,229	3,259	477
YR AGO	149,667	2,287	1,378	3,665	481
AVG WT	4.99	3.97	7.89	5.45	6.53
TO-DATE/2000	604,331	8,269	5,360	13,629	2,031
TO-DATE/1999	604,897	9,083	5,449	14,532	2,011

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.1 million head or 5.6 million head less than or 96 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-00

	CURRENT WEEK 02/05/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/29/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	143,667(2)	148,606
LT HENS	1,912	2,057
HVY HENS	1,279	1,259
TOTAL	146,858	151,922

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Feb-00 is 152.4 million head compared to 153.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 145.4 million head or 7.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 12-Feb-00 the estimated available is 152.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
8	157.5	144.3	109	5.01
15	158.4	148.5	107	5.10
22	149.7	150.6	99	5.20
29	146.1	151.7	96	4.89
YEAR TO DATE	611.7	595.1	103	
FEBRUARY 5		152.4		
12		152.1		

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 31-Jan-00	4,872	94,070	72,932
AM 1-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
CHG	584	29,023	-2,230
PCT CHG	14	45	-3

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERSFINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT
SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED
B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF
01/31/00-02/05/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	43.00-46.00	46.15	47	49.20	75
Los Angeles	63.00	61.58	65	60.01	129
New York	45.00-47.00	46.03	31	54.48	104

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES,
COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS
PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	55-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE**PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
31-Jan-00	24-Jan-00	24-Jan-00	1-Feb-99	
55.11	1.37	53.74	58.43	

NUMBER OF LOADS 640

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
01/31/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16(1)	8-11	10.48
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.5-19.5(1)	10-13	11.45
01/28/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

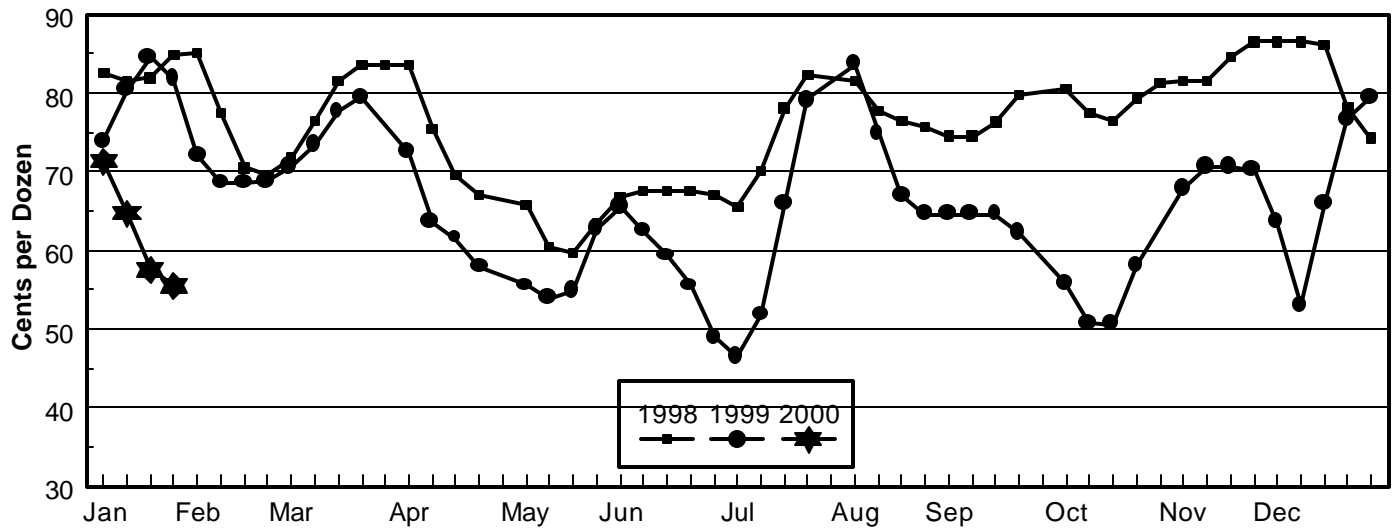
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

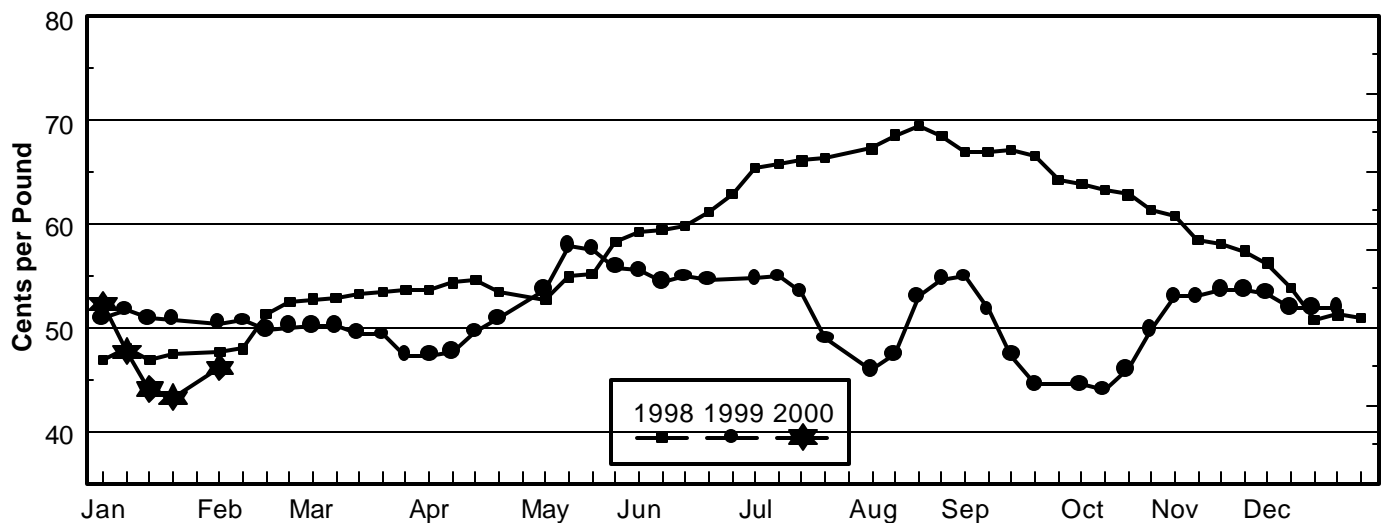
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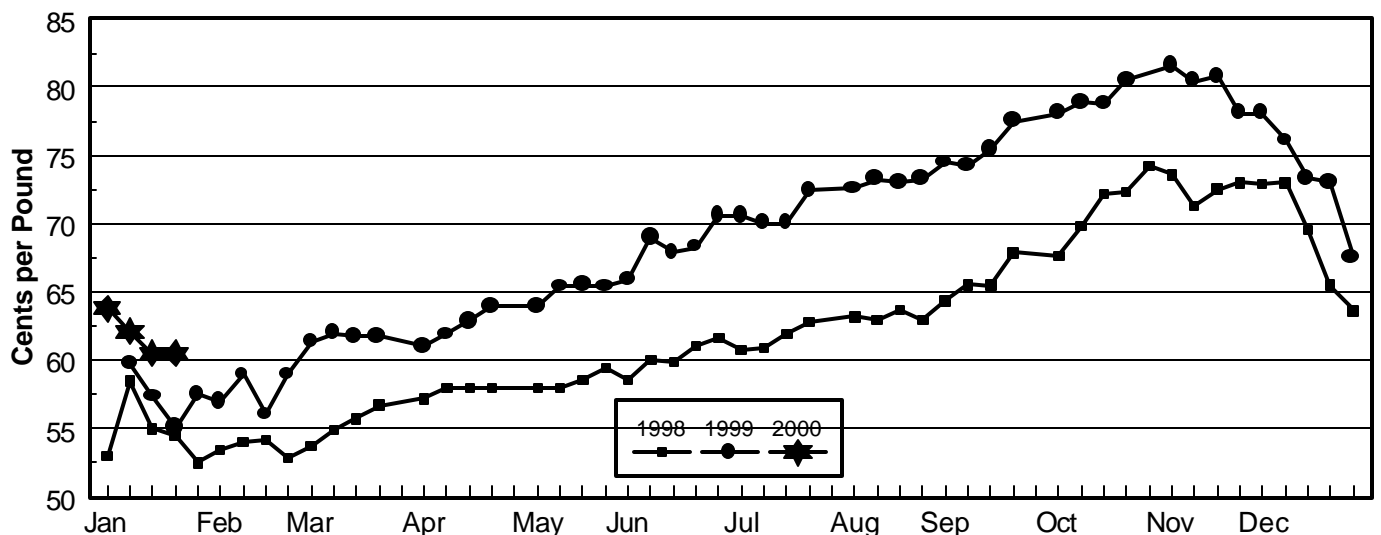
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.